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24. * **MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH**: With reference to the Nagampadam Bridge, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing;

(*a*) how long it is since vehicular traffic through the bridge was stopped;

(*b*) the amount spent till now in making repairs to the bridge;

(*c*) the cause of delay in making the bridge safe; and

(*d*) the date by which the construction of the bridge is expected to be completed?

MR. I. C. CHACKO (*Chief Engineer P. W. D.*): (*a*) 2 years and 4 months.

(*b*) The bridge is being reconstructed and not repaired. A sum of Rs. 1,05,647-11-0 has been spent till the end of 11/1119.

(*c*) Difficulty in getting the required iron and timber materials.

(*d*) By the middle of Chingom 1120.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: നാഗമ്പടം പാലം പണി തിക്കുന്നതിനുള്ള ഇരുമ്പും തടിയും ഇപ്പോൾ കിട്ടിക്കഴിഞ്ഞുവോ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: കിട്ടിക്കഴിഞ്ഞു. പാലത്തിന്റെ വേലയും തീരാറായിരിക്കുകയാണ്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: തടി എന്നു കിട്ടി?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: അടുത്തകാലത്തു്; ഏകദേശം ഒരു മാസത്തിനു മുൻപാണ്.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: എവിടെനിന്നാണ് തടി കിട്ടിയതു്?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഡിപ്പോകളിൽ നിന്നും.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: ഗവണ്മെന്റു ഡിപ്പോകളിൽ നിന്നും തടി കിട്ടുന്നതിലേക്കു് രണ്ടര കൊല്ലംവരെ വേണ്ടിവന്നുവൊ?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: ഇരുമ്പിന്റെ വേല മുഴുവൻ തീർന്നതിനുശേഷം തടി വന്നെത്തിയാൽ മതിയല്ലൊ എന്നു വിചാരിച്ചുകൊണ്ടാണ് ഇത്രയും കാലം താമസം വന്നതു്.

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25. * **MR. K. R. NARAYANAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the contract for the Nagampadam Bridge was given;

(*b*) the date on which the work was to be finished as per the terms of the agreement;

(*c*) if the work has not been finished within the due date, the reasons therefor;

(*d*) the date on which the Government expect the work to be finished; and

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(*e*) the amount required for the present work?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Makaram 1117.

(*b*) No definite date was fixed for the completion of the work on account of the present situation.

(*c*) Does not arise in view of reply to (*b*) above.

(*d*) Normally before the middle of Chingom 1120.

(*e*) It is not possible to ascertain the actual amount now.

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26. ✱ **MR. V. MADHAVAN** (*Vaikom* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the repair works of the Nagampadam bridge in Kottayam town are not yet completed, and when they expect to complete it?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: The reconstruction of the bridge (not repairs) was delayed on account of the present difficulty in getting the required iron and timber materials.

The work is expected to be completed before the middle of Chingom 1120.

Government servants and elections.

27. ✱ **MR. K. A. MATHEW:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have issued a notification prohibiting Government servants from taking part in the recent elections to the Travancore Legislature beyond recording of their votes;

(*b*) whether they have received representations from any organisation or persons complaining about the infringement of this notification by officers of the Government; and

(*c*) what action they have taken against those who violated Government instructions?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The allegations that have reached them do not warrant any action as Government are satisfied that they are unfounded.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether there were specific allegations made by anybody?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: There were no specific allegations, and such allegations as were received, were found to be absolutely unfounded.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Was an impartial enquiry made by anybody?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Government have made their own enquiries in the matter.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: Has anybody been asked to make impartial enquiries?

RAJYASEVAPRAVINA G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Government are presumably impartial, and the honourable member, I think, seems to be making an insinuation against the Government.

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